The Urantia Book: Hoax or Hidden Revelation?

A Forensic Review of the Urantia Book's Scientific and Historical Claims

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Introduction: A Forensic Look at The Urantia Book

Published in 1955, The Urantia Book presents itself as a revelatory work — a synthesis of spiritual teachings, cosmic philosophy, and scientific information. While many of its claims are theological or metaphysical, a surprising number are scientific or historical in nature — and potentially testable.

This raises a natural question:

Do the claims in The Urantia Book hold up to modern science and history

This investigation was launched to address those questions through a methodical, forensic approach. We reviewed statements from the text, focusing on claims that:
- Were scientifically or historically testable
- Were obscure, unknown, known or speculative in 1955
- Have since been either confirmed, disproven, or remain unresolved. In the "notes" column each entry is labeled: Known, Incorrect, Disproven, Untestable, Mildly Prophetic, Prophetic, or Strongly Prophetic. The 3 Prophetic groups are weighted differently in the final probability calculation.

This study does not evaluate theology or metaphysics. It instead concentrates on testable objective claims and weighs them according to what was knowable at the time of publication.

Using basic probability methods, we then asked: How likely would it be for a human author (or authors) in 1955 to guess this many future-confirmed facts by chance alone?

What follows is a record of that forensic analysis — a catalog of testable claims, a classification system for their outcomes, and a conservative probability estimate based on the confirmed cases.

In addition to this core analysis, which is randomly selected, we include a supplemental section at the end, reviewing other noteworthy, specifically selected, prophetic material outside the primary list — such as the Shroud of Turin, the so-called “Jesus Boat,” and correlations with modern findings like the Dead Sea Scroll fragment 11Q13. These examples, while not part of the main probability estimate, offer additional insight into the question of human authorship.

This study, while not exhaustive, represents a robust sample of testable data from The Urantia Book.

The spreadsheet below presents a forensic review of randomly selected, testable claims. The list is not exhaustive but it is a healthy sample size of the voluminous data in the Urantia Book. Each entry has been carefully researched to establish what was known or not known in 1955, and when it became known. Every attempt has been made for accuracy but it would be foolish to claim perfection in such a complex subject. Without the research assistance of Chat Gpt 4 this study would not have been possible.

Spreadsheet Entries

Reference	Claim	Category (1955)	Modern Status	Notes
12:4.1	Space itself is curved, not just by matter but inherently.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Einstein’s General Relativity (1915) already described curved space-time. By 1955, physicists accepted that mass curves space, and space-time geometry was a mainstream concept. UB is accurate but not obscure here.**Known**. accurate

12:4.7	The universe is finite and curved but not bounded.	Advanced Knowledge 1955	Confirmed	Modern cosmology supports a finite, unbounded universe with positive curvature (e.g., hyper-spherical models). This concept was discussed by Einstein and others before 1955, but not widely understood. *UB anticipated correct geometry*. **MildlyProphetic**.
12:4.13	The universe had a beginning and is expanding.	Obscure 1955	Confirmed	In 1955, the steady-state theory still competed with the Big Bang. Cosmic expansion was known (Hubble), but the idea of a singular beginning was not dominant. The UB correctly described what would later become consensus: finite age and expansion. **Mildly Prophetic**.
41:3.1	Stars form from condensation of nebular gas and dust through gravitational contraction.	Known 1955	Confirmed	By the mid-20th century, gravitational contraction was the accepted model of stellar birth, as described in the nebular hypothesis. Matches well with modern star formation theories involving gas clouds and protostars. **Known**. accurate
41:4.4	The mass of an electron is 1/1,836 that of a proton.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Electron-to-proton mass ratio is ~1/1836.15. Known prior to 1955 and accurately cited by UB. This is a

				scientifically correct claim but not obscure at the time. **Known**. accurate
41:4.4	Giant gas stars (O- and B-type) evolve differently and have shorter lifespans than smaller stars.	Specialist Knowledge 1955	Confirmed	This was understood in astrophysics but not widely known in the public. High-mass stars were known to burn fuel quickly and explode as supernovae. UB reflects advanced and accurate understanding of stellar lifecycles. **Mildly Prophetic.**
42:1.2	Matter is composed of ultimatons, a sub-electronic energy particle; 100 ultimatons form an electron.	Unknown 1955	Unconfirmed	No scientific evidence for 'ultimatons' exists. Electrons are elementary particles with no known substructure. Claim remains unverified and outside modern particle physics. **Incorrect**
42:5.1	Space is curved, the universe is finite but unbounded, and had a definite beginning.	Obscure 1955	Confirmed (all three)	Curved space: Confirmed by General Relativity (1915), not widely understood in 1955 public. Finite but unbounded: Confirmed model in modern cosmology (e.g., closed/hyperspherical universes). Universe had a beginning: Confirmed by Big Bang evidence (CMB, expansion). All 3 were obscure or speculative in 1955 but are now standard. **Mildly**

				Prophetic.
42:5.5	There are exactly 100 kinds of 'energy units' composing matter, paralleling 100 atomic elements.	Unknown 1955	Unconfirmed	Claim appears speculative and theological, not based on known physics. No current theory supports exactly 100 energy forms or discrete types of energy quanta. Not recognized in any standard model. **Incorrect**.
42:6.2	The ultimate unit of matter is the 'ultimaton,' smaller than an electron and composed of 100 subunits.	Unknown 1955	Unconfirmed	No particle corresponding to the 'ultimaton' is recognized in the Standard Model of particle physics. Electrons are considered fundamental particles with no internal structure. The claim remains speculative and unverified. **Incorrect**.
42:7.6	There are exactly 100 stable elements in the periodic table; elements above 100 are unstable.	Obscure 1955	Partially Confirmed but elements above 100 longer lived than stated.	In 1955, 98 elements were known. Today, about 118 elements are catalogued, but only ~94 occur naturally and are stable or long-lived. UB claim about instability above element 100 is mostly correct — known superheavy elements are all unstable and synthetic. **Incorrect**.
42:7.7	There are exactly 100 elements in nature, with higher	Obscure 1955	Partially Confirmed	By 1955, only 98 elements were known. Elements 99 (Einsteinium) and 100 (Fermium) had

	elements being unstable and synthetic.			just been discovered in hydrogen bomb tests. UB's statement was obscure but mostly accurate. Elements beyond 100 are unstable and synthetic as described but longer lived than stated. **Incorrect**.
57:5.1	The solar system was formed 4.5 billion years ago from a massive space nebula.	Obscure 1955	Confirmed	Modern radiometric dating places solar system formation at ~4.56 billion years. In 1955, estimates were rough and varied, often over 2 billion years. UB's 4.5 billion figure is remarkably close to current consensus and was ahead of its time. **Prophetic**.
57:8.3	Planet Earth is 4.5 billion years old.	Obscure 1955	Confirmed	UB gives a creation date of 4.5 billion years for Earth. Modern radiometric dating places Earth's formation at 4.54 Ga. In 1955, estimates varied widely (1.6–3 billion). This is a highly accurate and ahead-of-its-time claim. **Prophetic**.
58:2.2	The Moon stabilized Earth's rotation and made life possible.	Obscure 1955	Confirmed	This is now widely accepted. The Moon stabilizes Earth's axial tilt, moderating climate and enabling long-term life sustainability. In 1955, this role of the Moon was not well understood or widely publicized. This prediction

				stands out due to its accuracy long before these effects were fully understood. The Urantia Book correctly links the Moon's tidal effects with biological rhythms and the stabilization of Earth's tilt, both now known to be crucial for life. **Prophetic**.
58:4.2	Life was implanted on Earth 550 million years ago at three briny ocean locations.	Disproven	Disproven	Scientific consensus places origin of life much earlier—around 3.5 to 4.0 billion years ago. 550 million years ago corresponds to the Cambrian Explosion, not origin of life. UB is off by billions of years but unclear as to what UB means by “life.” **Incorrect**.
60:2.1	Dinosaurs disappeared about 30 million years ago.	Incorrect	Incorrect	Incorrect. Dinosaurs disappeared 60 million years ago.**Incorrect**.
60:2.5	The dinosaurs disappeared *suddenly* after a worldwide catastrophe.	Unknown 1955	Confirmed	The Urantia Book says dinosaur extinction was due to a *sudden cataclysm.* This now known to be due to the impact of a meteor. This is a remarkably accurate prediction made before the event's timing or cause were even suspected. **Prophetic**.
61:0.2	Early mammals	Partially Known	Confirmed	Fossil evidence supports a burst of

	evolved suddenly about 50 million years ago.	1955		mammalian diversification around 55–50 Mya after the dinosaur extinction. UB describes this transition with surprising accuracy. Timing aligns well with modern evolutionary data. **Mildly Prophetic.**
62:2.1	The first true humans (Andon and Fonta) appeared 993,419 years ago.	Unknown 1955	Unconfirmed	This exact date and named individuals are unverifiable. However, anatomically modern humans are now dated to ~300,000 years ago. UB date is much older than accepted scientific estimates. Claim remains speculative. **Incorrect**.
62:5.1	Andon and Fonta, the first true humans, appeared nearly 1,000,000 years ago in Central Asia.	Obscure 1955	Partially Confirmed	The UB claims first true humans arose 993,419 years ago. Fossil evidence (e.g., H. heidelbergensis, early H. sapiens) suggests anatomically and behaviorally modern humans began emerging between 300,000–200,000 years ago. However, there is evidence of tool use, fire, and culture near 1 million years ago in Homo Erectus. The claim is partially consistent with broad hominid development but differs from modern H. sapiens timelines. **Incorrect**.

63:6.3	Andonites migrated east into China and west into Europe during early human dispersal.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Human dispersal from Central Asia into Europe and East Asia is consistent with fossil and genetic evidence. Homo Erectus fossils have been found in both regions. Although 'Andonite' is a UB term, the general pattern aligns with known migration data. **Known**. accurate
64:4.6	The six colored races (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo) appeared about 500,000 years ago in a single family.	Unknown 1955	Unconfirmed	There is no genetic or fossil evidence for a sudden emergence of distinct racial lineages in a single family around 500,000 years ago. Modern population genetics shows a long, gradual divergence of human populations. The claim remains speculative. **Incorrect**.
64:6.5	Human evolution accelerated around 30,000–40,000 years ago due to new inheritable factors.	Unknown 1955	Confirmed	Modern genomics (e.g., Harpending & Cochran 2005; Hawks et al. 2007) supports accelerated evolution over the past 30,000–40,000 years, with dramatic changes in cognition, skin pigmentation, digestion, and social behavior. The UB attributes this to the Adamic uplift, which it dates to ~38,000 years ago. This is a striking convergence

				with modern evidence, largely unknown in 1955. **Strongly Prophetic**.
65:2.2	Biological evolution progresses through sudden jumps, not slow gradualism.	Controversial 1955 Darwinian gradualism predominant	Partially Confirmed	Punctuated equilibrium (Eldredge & Gould, 1972) later supported evolutionary jumps after stasis. UB preceded this idea, which challenged Darwinian gradualism. **Prophetic**.
65:2.10	The Fandor bird was a flying creature that evolved during early life development on Earth.	Unknown 1955	Unconfirmed	The UB describes the 'Fandor' as an extinct, early evolutionary stage of flying creature, predating known avian or pterosaur species. No known fossil evidence or scientific literature references a creature by this name or matching this exact description. The claim remains speculative and unverified by paleontology. **Incorrect**
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84:7.6	Monogamy is evolutionarily superior to polygamy in advancing civilization and social stability.	Controversial 1955	Partially Confirmed	Sociological studies suggest monogamy correlates with reduced violence, greater paternal investment, and stable inheritance structures. However, many advanced societies historically

				practiced polygamy. Claim has partial support with ongoing debate. **Mildly Prophetic**.
85:1.3	Religion evolved from fear of natural forces and ancestral ghosts into more ethical and spiritual forms.	Mainstream 1955	Confirmed	This is consistent with both 20th- and 21st-century anthropology and religious studies. Religious development through animism, ancestor worship, and ethical monotheism is a well-supported trajectory. **Known**. accurate
86:2.3	Primitive humans believed in luck and chance long before understanding causality or science.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Anthropological data confirms belief in luck, taboos, omens, and ritual magic preceded rational cause-effect reasoning in early cultures. Widely accepted theory of human cognitive development. **Known**. accurate
88:1.2	Taboo was one of the earliest forms of social control in primitive societies.	Known 1955	Confirmed	By 1955, anthropologists such as Franz Boas and Malinowski had well documented taboos as foundational to early law and religion. UB reflects mainstream cultural anthropology. **Known**. accurate
89:4.3	Sacrificial priesthoods evolved from magical rites and food offering	Mainstream 1955	Confirmed	Anthropological theories of the evolution of ritual and sacrifice from food and fertility practices were common by mid-20th century. **Known**.

	traditions.			accurate
90:3.4	Early shamans used herbs and trance techniques similar to modern pharmacology and hypnosis.	Obscure 1955	Confirmed	While known in some circles, detailed analysis of shamanic use of psychoactive herbs became more prominent in the 1960s–70s. UB's framing was ahead of the curve but consistent with what later research confirmed. **Mildly Prophetic**.
93:10.6	Melchizedek will return at the end of the age to assume planetary rulership.	Unknown in scripture 1955	Confirmed in Dead Sea Scrolls	The Urantia Book predicted a future return of Melchizedek as planetary ruler. In 1955, there was no known Jewish or Christian text affirming this specific role. However, the 11Q13 Dead Sea Scroll (Melchizedek Scroll), discovered in Cave 11 in 1956, was not deciphered and published until 1965 (van der Woude) and in English by 1966. This scroll portrays Melchizedek as the Endtime judge and ruler of nations. Psalm 110 also hints at Melchizedek’s priest-king role in the Messianic age, though it was not interpreted this way in 1955. UB's alignment with both the post-discovery Qumran text and a reinterpreted Psalm

				110 is striking and entirely inaccessible in 1955. **Prophetic** scripturally
123:4.10	Jesus' first birthday was celebrated on Wednesday, August 21, 6 BCE.	Obscure day of week/date correlation 1955	Proven date/day of week correlation	August 21, 6 BCE was a Wednesday (Julian calendar). UB claim is correct on day of week. Very difficult to calculate until computer age.**Mildly Prophetic**.
124:1.7	Jesus visited Sepphoris, the Roman capital of Galilee, with his father.	Obscure 1955	Confirmed	Sepphoris (Tzippori) was Roman administrative center during Jesus' youth, about 4 miles from Nazareth. UB claim supported by modern archaeology. **Prophetic**.
124:6.1	Joseph and Mary traveled from Nazareth to Jerusalem with a donkey in three days.	3 days unknown in 1955	Plausible but somewhat fast	Distance from Nazareth to Jerusalem is ~90 miles. Average travel time with a donkey and child is 4–5 days. Completing it in 3 days would require optimal conditions and steady pace. Plausible but slightly optimistic. Matches general pilgrimage patterns known in biblical context. **Untestable** 3 day estimate.
125:0.1	At age 12, Jesus traveled from Nazareth to Jerusalem for Passover.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Jerusalem was historically and culturally common. Distance (~90 miles) fits travel norms. **Known**. accurate
126:2.2	Jesus'	Obscure	Disproven day	August 21, 1 BCE

	coming-of-age birthday occurred on Monday, August 21, 1 BCE.He was 8 years old.	1955	of week Incorrect BC date.	was a Monday. UB says he was 8—this would be 1 AD not 1 BC--probable typo. Date/day of week confirmed. Typo error. Prophetic re date/day of week. Extremely difficult to calculate 1955. **Mildly Prophetic**.
126:3.5	Jesus worked for a time in Sepphoris, traveling daily from Nazareth.	Obscure 1955	Confirmed	Sepphoris is 4–5 miles from Nazareth; plausible for daily commute. Supported by modern. archaeology. **Mildly Prophetic.**
128:1.5	Jesus departed for Mesopotamia on Monday, April 26, 21 CE.	Obscure 1955	Day of week/date pair proven correct by complex computer software	April 26, 21 CE was a Monday (Julian calendar). Mesopotamian trip untestable. **Mildly Prophetic** date/day of week pair
128:1.5	Jesus traveled from Nazareth to Jerusalem and then to Ur of Mesopotamia at age 27.	Obscure 1955	Plausible	No external confirmation of this trip, but travel from Judea to Mesopotamia was possible via Roman-Parthian routes. Historically plausible but unconfirmed.**Untestable**.
129:2.6	Jesus lived in Capernaum and worked near the boatbuilding yard of Zebedee.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Capernaum was an established fishing village. Archaeological remains of boatyards and Zebedee tradition exist. Supported. **Known**. accurate
129:2.7	Jesus often walked	Known 1955	Confirmed	Both towns are confirmed by

	along the Sea of Galilee near Bethsaida and Capernaum .			archaeology and New Testament tradition. Proximity to Sea of Galilee supports routine walking routes. **Known**. accurate
129:3.5	Jesus visited Sidon, Tyre, and Damascus during his travels.	Obscure 1955 Damascus not mentioned in scripture.	Plausible	Travel from Galilee to Phoenician cities and Damascus is plausible via now known trade routes. No external confirmation of his personal visits, but historically reasonable. **Mildly Prophetic** with respect to inclusion of Damascus.
130:1.1	Jesus passed through Caesarea on his way to Alexandria, Egypt.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Caesarea was a major port city on the Roman trade route. Travel from Galilee to Alexandria via Caesarea is geographically and historically accurate. **Known**. accurate
130:2.1	Jesus arrived in Alexandria, Egypt and stayed for several weeks.	Known 1955	Plausible	Travel from Caesarea to Alexandria was common in Roman times. No historical confirmation of this visit, but geographically and culturally plausible. **Known**. accurate
130:6.1	Jesus departed Alexandria by ship and passed through Crete, Carthage, Naples, and reached Rome.	Obscure 1955 Some info. found in sequestere d ancient documents	Plausible	Maritime routes from Egypt to Italy often stopped at these ports. Ancient shipping routes confirm the sequence is geographically reasonable. Not well-known until 1980-

				2000.**Prophetic**.
132:0.1	Jesus spent considerable time in Rome engaging with diverse religious groups.	UnKnown 1955	Plausible	Jesus' visit to Rome is not confirmed historically, but Roman travel was possible. The multicultural nature of environment is accurate and was not known in 1955. **Prophetic**.
133:0.1	Jesus returned from Rome through Tarentum, Corinth, Athens, Ephesus, Cyprus, and Antioch.	Obscure 1955	Plausible	This route matches now known historical Roman sea and land routes from Italy to Palestine. Each city was active in Roman trade.**Mildly Prophetic** due to obscurity in 1955.
134:7.1	Jesus spent time in the Decapolis and made extended visits to cities east of the Jordan.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Decapolis cities like Gadara and Hippos are confirmed archaeologically. Travel east of Jordan is historically well-documented. **Known**. accurate
167:0.1	Jesus traveled through Perea and visited Pella before returning to Jerusalem.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Perea and Pella are verified locations. Pella became a refuge for early Christians. Route fits known geography. **Known**. accurate
172:0.1	Jesus entered Jerusalem from Bethany and Bethphage.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Bethany and Bethphage are historically attested villages near the Mount of Olives. Entry route aligns with Gospel tradition. **Known**. accurate
182:3.1	Jesus prayed in the Garden	Known 1955	Confirmed	The location of Gethsemane is consistent with

	of Gethsemane, across the Kidron Valley.			biblical geography. Kidron Valley is a well-known feature east of Jerusalem. **Known**. accurate
187:1.1	Jesus was crucified at Golgotha, near the city wall and visible from the road to Jericho.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Traditional and archaeological evidence places Golgotha near Jerusalem's city walls and visible from key travel routes. Fits historical context. **Known** accurate.
93:10.5–6; 97:4.4; 103:8.5	Melchizedek remained active in spiritual form after his visible ministry, guiding Israel, appearing to prophets, and being called 'the Lord' or 'the Angel of the Lord'; this explains Old Testament deity confusion later confirmed by 11Q13.	Unknown 1955	Confirmed (Contextually)	The UB uniquely claims Melchizedek continued to guide Israel spiritually after leaving physical form. It states he was sometimes referred to as 'the Lord' or 'the Angel of the Lord,' explaining Old Testament confusion in deity references—where divine messengers speak as if they are God. This helps explain perplexing passages such as the burning bush (Ex. 3), angelic visions, and Psalm 110. Remarkably, the 11Q13 Dead Sea Scroll, not published until 1965, describes Melchizedek as a divine judge associated with YHWH's titles, confirming ancient confusion between Melchizedek and God. The UB thus resolves a long-

				standing interpretive mystery with a claim impossible to verify in 1955. **Prophetic** scripturally.
64:6.4–8	Red and yellow Sangik races interbred with Neanderthals, unlike the black race which did not.	Interbreeding Rejected 1955	Confirmed interbreeding three times Prophetic Sangiovese races untestable,although no indication from modern genetics.	Modern genomic studies confirm interbreeding between Neanderthals and non-African modern humans (Eurasian and East Asian lineages), with virtually no Neanderthal DNA in sub-Saharan Africans. This supports the UB's claim about ancient neanderthal interbreeding. Interbreeding Neanderthals was strongly rejected by mainstream science in 1955. **Strongly Prophetic**.
73:1.1	Underwater survey in 2004–06 found Eden-like peninsula off Cyprus matching UB description.	Unknown 1955	Unconfirmed	Robert Sarmast claimed sonar evidence of submerged structures near Cyprus matching the UB Eden description. However, marine geologists interpret the formations as natural (salt tectonics, mud volcanism), and sediment data shows the area has been submerged for millions of years—long before humans. Mainstream science rejects this

				interpretation. **Incorrect** at this time.

Reference	Claim	Category (1955)	Modern Status	Notes		
123:4.10	Jesus' first birthday was celebrated on Wednesday, August 21, 6 BCE.	Obscure 1955	Date/day pair proven	August 21, 6 BCE was a Wednesday(Julian calendar). Extremely unlikely but not impossible to calculate in 1955. **Mildly Prophetic**.		
126:2.2	Jesus' coming-of-age birthday occurred on Monday, August 21, 1 BCE.	Obscure 1955	proven	August 21, 1 BCE was a Monday. **Mildly Prophetic**.		
128:1.5	Jesus departed for Mesopotamia on Monday, April 26, 21 CE.	Obscure day of week/date 1955	Day of week proven for date	April 26, 21 CE was a Monday (Julian calendar).Trip to Mesopotamia plausible but untestable.Day/date **Mildly Prophetic**		
123:6.7	Nazareth was a town of about 2,000 people located in Galilee.	UnKnown 1955	UnConfirmed	Archaeological and historical records confirm Nazareth existed in the 1st century CE, with estimated population between 400 to 500. UB estimate appears high. **Incorrect** at this time. Estimate may change in future.		
124:1.7	Jesus visited	Obscure	Confirmed	Sepphoris		

	Sepphoris, the Roman capital of Galilee, with his father.	1955	plausible.	(Tzippori) was Roman administrative center during Jesus' youth, about 4 miles from Nazareth. UB claim supported by archaeology. **Mildly Prophetic**.		
125:0.1	At age 12, Jesus traveled from Nazareth to Jerusalem for Passover.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Pilgrimage from Nazareth to Jerusalem was historically and culturally common. Distance (~90 miles) fits travel norms. **Known**.		
126:3.5	Jesus worked for a time in Sepphoris, traveling daily from Nazareth.	Obscure 1955	Confirmed	Sepphoris is 4–5 miles from Nazareth; plausible for daily commute. Plausibility supported by modern archaeology. **Mildly Prophetic**.		
128:1.5	Jesus traveled from Nazareth to Jerusalem and then to Ur of Mesopotamia at age 27.	Obscure 1955	Plausible	No external confirmation of this trip, but travel from Judea to Mesopotamia was possible via Roman-Parthian routes. Historically plausible. **Untestable**.		
129:2.6	Jesus lived in Capernaum and worked near the boatbuilding yard of Zebedee.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Capernaum was an established fishing village. Archaeological remains of boatyards and Zebedee tradition exist. Supported. **Known**.		
129:2.7	Jesus often	Known	Confirmed	Both towns are		

	walked along the Sea of Galilee near Bethsaida and Capernaum.	1955		confirmed by archaeology and New Testament tradition. Proximity to Sea of Galilee supports routine walking routes. **Known.**		
129:3.5	Jesus visited Sidon, Tyre, and Damascus during his travels.	Obscure 1955	Plausible by modern archeology.	Travel from Galilee to Phoenician cities and Damascus was plausible via known trade routes. No external confirmation of his personal visits, but historically reasonable based on archeology. **Mildly Prophetic**.		
130:1.1	Jesus passed through Caesarea on his way to Alexandria, Egypt.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Caesarea was a major port city on the Roman trade route. Travel from Galilee to Alexandria via Caesarea is geographically and historically accurate. **Known**.		
130:2.1	Jesus arrived in Alexandria, Egypt and stayed for several weeks.	Known 1955	Plausible	Travel from Caesarea to Alexandria was common in Roman times. No historical confirmation of this visit, but geographically and culturally plausible.**Known**.		
130:6.1	Jesus departed Alexandria by ship and passed through Crete,	Obscure 1955	Plausible	Maritime routes from Egypt to Italy often stopped at these ports. Ancient shipping routes confirm the sequence is		

	Carthage, Naples, and reached Rome.			geographically reasonable. **Mildly Prophetic**.		
132:0.1	Jesus spent considerable time in Rome engaging with diverse religious groups.	Known 1955	Plausible	Jesus' visit to Rome is not confirmed historically, but Roman travel was possible. The multicultural environment is accurately described. **Known**.		
133:0.1	Jesus returned from Rome through Tarentum, Corinth, Athens, Ephesus, Cyprus, and Antioch.	Obscure 1955	Plausible	This route matches historical Roman sea and land routes from Italy to Palestine. Each city was active in Roman trade. **Mildly Prophetic**.		
134:7.1	Jesus spent time in the Decapolis and made extended visits to cities east of the Jordan.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Decapolis cities like Gadara and Hippos are confirmed archaeologically. Travel east of Jordan is historically well-documented. **Known**. accurate		
167:0.1	Jesus traveled through Perea and visited Pella before returning to Jerusalem.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Perea and Pella are verified locations. Pella became a refuge for early Christians. Route fits known geography. **Known**. accurate		
172:0.1	Jesus entered Jerusalem from Bethany and Bethphage.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Bethany and Bethphage are historically attested villages near the Mount of Olives. Entry route		

				aligns with Gospel tradition. **Known**.		
182:3.1	Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, across the Kidron Valley.	Known 1955	Confirmed	The location of Gethsemane is consistent with biblical geography. Kidron Valley is a well-known feature east of Jerusalem. **Known**. accurate		
187:1.1	Jesus was crucified at Golgotha, near the city wall and visible from the road to Jericho.	Known 1955	Confirmed	Traditional and archaeological evidence places Golgotha near Jerusalem’s city walls and visible from key travel routes. Fits historical context. **Known**.		

Final Categorized Results

Result Category	Count
Prophetic	10
Incorrect	12
Mildly Prophetic	19
Strongly Prophetic	2
Known/Accurate	29

Conclusion

The spreadsheet above presents a forensic review of randomly chosen testable claims made by The Urantia Book (1955). It compares the scientifically or historically verifiable statements that were known, obscure, unknown, or incorrect in 1955, and compares them with modern state of knowledge. Entries are categorized based on their 1955 status and current validation as: Incorrect, Mildly Prophetic, Strongly Prophetic, Prophetic, Known and is written in **bold** at the bottom of each column note. The probability of getting the day of the week correct according to the date is discussed below in **Appendix A.**

This forensic analysis of over 60 randomly chosen testable statements from The Urantia Book reveals a striking pattern: while 12 entries appear incorrect or speculative, 31 exhibit accurate predictions that were obscure, unknown, or rejected in 1955. Of these, 19 are categorized as mildly prophetic (estimated 1-in-10 chance of correct human guess), 10 as prophetic (1-in-100), and 2 as strongly prophetic (1-in-1,000). Using basic probability methods and conservative assumptions, we multiply the odds of guessing these accurately by chance: (1/10)^19 × (1/100)^10 × (1/1000)^2 = 10^-45. To adjust for the 12 incorrect claims, we apply a penalty multiplier of 1/100 to the 12th power=10^24, resulting in a *final probability estimate of* $10^{24} X 10^{-45} = 1 \text{ in } 10^{-21}$. *That's 1/1000000000000000000000.* This number, though not absolute, strongly suggests that the pattern of accurate foresight within The Urantia Book far exceeds the likelihood of random guessing or human authorship. Even a skeptical analyst must contend with the statistical improbability that such a volume of verified, forward-looking information—largely beyond the reach of 1955 science—was composed by purely human means.

This is a conservative estimate based on reasonable assumptions and category weighting.
This analysis, while not exhaustive, strongly supports the book's claim to superhuman authorship and warrants serious reconsideration by open-minded scholars, scientists, and spiritual seekers.

II. Supplemental Entries

The following entries were specifically chosen to further illustrate the extreme improbability of some of the other predictions made by the Urantia Book . These predictions are embedded unobtrusively in various discussions through the book. The following entries were not included in the formal probability sample above because they were either added later or selected *non-randomly.* Nonetheless, each provides strong evidential support for the Urantia Book's claim of superhuman authorship and offer important additional data points beyond the scope of our main statistical analysis.

1. Jesus Boat Discovery (1986)

Reference: 129:1.2–5
Claim: Jesus built innovative boats using various types of local wood; a 1st-century Galilean boat found in 1986 matches this description.
Category (1955 Status): Obscure
Modern Status: Strongly Suggestive
Notes: The 'Sea of Galilee Boat' discovered in 1986 near Magdala dates to 120 BC – 40 AD and incorporates wood from at least 10 tree species. This aligns with UB's unique claim that Jesus used multiple types of wood creatively in boatbuilding. Found by two Jewish brothers after a drought, reportedly under a rare double rainbow. While not definitive proof, the convergence of materials, methods, and historical context makes this a powerful correlation.

2. Shroud of Turin and Dematerialization

Reference: 130:3.5–6 (approx.)
Claim: The burial cloth image was created by a high-energy dematerialization process consistent with the UB's resurrection account.
Category (1955 Status): Unknown
Modern Status: Suggestively Confirmed
Notes: The image on the Shroud of Turin remains scientifically unexplained. Research (STURP, ENEA, NASA) confirms no pigments or paint were used. The image is only on topmost linen fibers and responds to 3D imaging via NASA's VP8 analyzer, making it unique among ancient artifacts. Vacuum UV experiments and corona discharge support a high-energy origin. Radiocarbon dating is disputed due to sample contamination. Pollen, DNA, and vanillin loss suggest ancient origin. Given the UB's claim of dematerialization and the uniqueness of the image, the Bayesian probability of authenticity rises. The presence of a unique 3D pattern is extremely improbable if the artifact were inauthentic. Its uniqueness strongly supports the resurrection narrative and deserves substantial weight in forensic

reasoning. In all, the combined evidence strongly supports the authenticity of the Shroud as Jesus' burial sheet. The radiocarbon date probably is in error. All other data points to a cloth from the time and location of Jesus.

3. Sudden Evolution / Punctuated Equilibrium:
The UB describes multiple abrupt evolutionary leaps in plants, animals, and early humans. This closely parallels the modern theory of punctuated equilibrium — which was not proposed until the 1970s.

4. Neanderthal Interbreeding (Three Lines):
The UB describes the Neanderthal race as a "three-way" branch, involving different evolutionary and racial lines. This matches *recent genomic research* showing complex admixture among Neanderthals, Denisovans, and Homo sapiens.

5.Life Cannot Arise from Inorganic Matter Alone:
The UB boldly states that science will never generate life from non-living material. This aligns with decades of failed origin-of-life experiments and growing scientific pessimism.

6.No Global Flood:
The UB denies the biblical flood as a worldwide event, describing it instead as a localized Mesopotamian story. This position is now supported by modern geology and archaeology.

7.Rejection of Old Testament Violence as Divine Will:
The UB claims that portrayals of God commanding genocide in the OT are human distortions. This perspective aligns with modern theological re-evaluations and *archaeological findings showing peaceful Canaanite integration*.

8.Ancient Long Life Spans Reframed:
Ancient king-lists with reigns of thousands of years are interpreted in the UB as corrupted memories of the long-lived planetary staff — providing a myth-reframed explanation that preserves the core truth.

9.Shifting Magnetic Poles and Continental Drift:
The UB discusses continental drift and changing magnetic fields before plate tectonics became accepted science, matching later discoveries in geophysics.

10. Genetic Marker for Adam and Eve Timing

UB claims a brain-enhancing mutation arose ~38,000 years ago, consistent with the biological legacy of Adam and Eve. The Microcephalin D allele mutation arose ~37,000 years ago and spread rapidly among non-African populations, aligning closely with UB's timeframe. Unknown in 1955; confirmed via genetic studies post-2005.

11. Continental Drift Timeline

UB describes breakup of land masses ~750 million years ago and cyclic continental uplift. Geological consensus later placed this event between 600–800 million years ago, with cycles now supported. This prescient detail predates full scientific agreement.

12. Supernovae and Neutron Stars

UB describes Tycho's Supernova and anticipates neutron stars as remnants. Neutron stars were confirmed in 1967; UB's explanation of post-supernova matter compression was ahead of its time.

13. Venus and Mars Atmospheres

UB states Venus has a thick, Mars a thin atmosphere—opposite popular 1950s views. Space probes confirmed UB's description in the 1960s–70s.

14. Lunar Recession

UB notes the Moon is receding from Earth. This was not broadly known in 1955. Laser lunar ranging confirmed the recession rate (~3.8 cm/year) decades later.

15. Nuclear Force Prediction

UB anticipates the discovery of binding subatomic particles like mesons and neutrinos as the key to nuclear cohesion. Mesons were discovered 1935, but their binding role wasn't confirmed until later. Neutrinos confirmed 1956. UB presents a unified framework early on.

16. Dark Matter and Cosmic Voids

UB asserts over 90% of mass in the universe is unseen and describes immense cosmic structures like walls and voids. Modern cosmology confirms the cosmic web and dark matter dominance. These insights were revolutionary in 1955.

Conclusion/Supplemental Findings

While not part of the random statistical sample used in the probability analysis, these selected findings strengthen the case for the Urantia Book's authenticity. While not exhaustive, the cumulative weight of these supplemental findings suggests a pattern of advanced insight far beyond what was reasonably knowable by human beings in 1955. These examples further invite open-minded consideration of the book's claim to be a modern epochal revelation.

Ultimately, the real proof of the Urantia Book is the personal experience generated by living and understanding it's spiritual truths. The "proof is in the pudding" and always will be. The miracles of foresight are for the enjoyment and encouragement of the faithful, not to prove itself to the skeptic.

Appendix A: Statistical Analysis of Day/Date Pair Accuracy

The Urantia Book makes several specific claims about the exact days of the week corresponding to key events in Jesus' life, including his birth and first birthday. These dates are testable using modern astronomical and calendar calculation tools.

Confirmed Day/Date Pairs/Examples

1. Jesus' birth on Wednesday, August 21, 7 B.C. — Confirmed
2. Jesus' first birthday on Thursday, August 21, 6 B.C. — Confirmed

Several other events in this database similarly match the correct weekday when verified against modern Julian day calculations. These pairings are so accurate that they warrant probability analysis.

Probability of Randomly Guessing Correct Day/Date Pairs

There are 7 days in a week. Assuming a random guess for each day:

- Probability of getting one day correct = 1/7
- Probability of g10 correct = (1/7)^10 ≈ 1 in 282 million

Could a Human Expert Have Done This in 1955?

A calendar expert in 1955 might have attempted to calculate weekday matches using printed Julian calendars, ephemerides, or mechanical computation, but this would have been extremely laborious and rare. We estimate a highly skilled human might have a 50% success rate per date due to the difficulty of exact ancient weekday conversion.

- Probability of getting all 10 right = (1/2)^10 = 1 in 1,024

Even under this generous assumption, the odds are still highly improbable. No known effort of calculating day of the week has been documented prior to the publication of The Urantia Book. Since the feat of getting the correct day of week was not impossible these entries were only given a Mild Prophetic weighting which is given a 1/10 chance of getting the correct result by guessing.

Conclusion

The pattern of accurate weekday-date alignments across multiple ancient events is strong statistical evidence that the information was not produced by chance nor by any known human methodology in 1955.

This strengthens the hypothesis that certain information in The Urantia Book may derive from non-human sources or contains advanced knowledge beyond the state of historical or astronomical science at the time of publication.